Intensive oilseeds Development Project

2846. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount given to States for intensive oilseeds development project and what is the amount given to Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether it is by way of grants or loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) A sum of Rs. 30 crores has been provided this year for the implementation of the National Oilseeds Development Project in various States, including grants to Indian Council of Agricultural Research, for the production of breeders' seed of oilseed crops and assistance to National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation for procurement of oilseeds. Out of this amoundt Rs. 402.75 lakhs has been provided to Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The amount provided to States including Andhra Pradesh is by way of 100 per cent grants by the Government of India.

Dry land farming in Orissa

2847. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented a number of schemes to encourage the modern methods of dry land farming;

(b) if so, the States where those schemes have been implemented so far;

(c) whether such scheme has been launched in Orissa during the Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the names of districts in Orissa where dry land farming has been undertaken in the above plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The schemes have been in operation in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Koraput and Phulbani.

Employment of the Personnel of Hindi News Agencies in A.I.R. and Doordarshan

2848. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to give employment to all those employees who have been unemployed due to closure of the Hindi News Agencies in the News Services of All India Radio or Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) The two Hindi news agencies are still in existence. Since both of them are in the private sector, their employees are governed by the relevant laws/rules pertaining to their service conditions. The Government do not have any proposal to employ any person who may be rendered jobless due to the closure of the two news agencies. Recruit-

ment to the various posts in the News Service Division of AIR and Doordarshan is made as per the relevant rules. It is open to any individual to apply for being considered for appointment to such posts provided he satisfies the prescribed conditions of eligibility. The selection is made on the basis of the eligible persons being found suitable for the job by the competent authority.

Change in timings in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

2849. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to change the timings of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is under consideration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that timings of the Ministry are not in accordance with the instructions of Government whereby timings of all the offices in one building are to be the same; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to change the timings of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in accordance with the above norm?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) However, the matter regarding the change of timings of this Ministry has already been taken up with the Deptt. of Personnel and Training.

Malpractices in the Research Institute in Rajasthan

2850. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Union Minister of State who had visited the Reserach Institute area near Malpura in Rajasthan a few months back wrote about the happenings in that Institute in a letter to Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, if so, the details thereof *vis-a-vis* action taken thereon so far;

(b) whether reports of malpractices in that Institute had even earlier been brought to the notice of Government and an enquiry committee comprising Members of Parliament was constituted, if so, details thereof and the findings of the committee with action Government have taken so far;

(c) whether the senior officers of the Institute concerned despite such allegations were promoted and posted in ICAR headquarters, if so, the particulars thereof during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) what further action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. In his letter he referred *inter alia* to certain charges levelled against the officiating Director of the Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute by the Staff Association of the institute These charges are being inquired into.

(b) A Committee under the Chairmanship of late Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu, M.P., was constituted by the Governing Body of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in May, 1979 to look into the high rate of mortality of sheep at the Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar (near Malpura). The Bosu Committee's report alongwith reports of other Committees which went into the affairs of C.S.W.R.I., were considered by the Governing Body of the ICAR who found it difficult to assign specific responsibility for any deliberate negligence, on any particular officer.